

or affirm, that I will to the best of my ability, protect and defend the Union of the United States, and not allow the same to be broken up and dissolved, or the Government thereof to be destroyed under any circumstances if in my power to prevent it, and that I will at all times, discountenance and oppose all political combinations having for their object such dissolution or destruction.

Officers of Registration required to register all persons applying.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the several officers of Registration shall register as a qualified voter, every person who shall apply for Registration and claim the benefit of this Act, upon his taking the oath or affirmation, herein before first set out in the first Section thereof, *provided*, he is in other respects entitled to vote, by having the requisite qualifications, of age, citizenship, and residence, and be not disqualified under the third and fifth Sections of the first Article of the Constitution; and if any officer of Registration shall refuse to register as a qualified voter, any person so as aforesaid applying to be registered or if any Judge of Election shall refuse to receive the vote of such person when registered, he shall upon conviction thereof, before any Court having criminal jurisdiction, forfeit and pay a fine of not less than one hundred and not more than five hundred dollars for each offence and be imprisoned until said fine and the costs of prosecution be fully paid and satisfied, and shall also be liable in an action for damages at the suit of the party aggrieved.

Penalty for non-compliance.

Courts and officers required to take notice.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That all Courts and State, County, Township and Municipal officers of this State shall take notice of the provisions of this Act, without requiring it to be specially pleaded, set up or relied on, and shall give the full effect and benefit thereof to any person embraced within the general description of the first Section of this Act, in the same manner and to the same extent as if the name of such person had been expressed, and set out specially in the said foregoing Section.

In force.

Sec. 4. *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.